

**Subject:** Re: Traffic Control Permits for Tree Trimming  
**From:** Blair Besten <blair@historiccore.bid>  
**Date:** 07/07/2016 05:26 PM  
**To:** Brian Raboin <BRaboin@downtownla.com>  
**CC:** Suzanne Holley <SHolley@downtownla.com>, Andrew Thomas <Andrew@westwoodvillagedistrict.com>, Randall Tampa <rtampa@fashiondistrict.org>

Thank you-I will pass this information along in the negotiations.

Blair Besten  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 7, 2016, at 17:02, Brian Raboin <[BRaboin@downtownla.com](mailto:BRaboin@downtownla.com)> wrote:

Hi Blair,

We did not have the traffic personnel restrictions. We did have the âstop work by 3pmâ restriction. We could not start until 9am as well. We had our tree trimming folks work during those hours to avoid overtime charges.

**Brian K. Raboin**  
Vice President of Operations

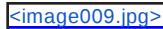
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**From:** Blair Besten [<mailto:blair@historiccore.bid>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 4:36 PM  
**To:** Suzanne Holley <[SHolley@downtownla.com](mailto:SHolley@downtownla.com)>  
**Cc:** Andrew Thomas <[Andrew@westwoodvillagedistrict.com](mailto:Andrew@westwoodvillagedistrict.com)>; Randall Tampa <[rtampa@fashiondistrict.org](mailto:rtampa@fashiondistrict.org)>; Brian Raboin <[BRaboin@downtownla.com](mailto:BRaboin@downtownla.com)>  
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So I found out -- the City is requiring us to use traffic control personnel to be onsite to work the traffic plan. Which seems dumb. They are union and the cost for 2 people is \$1,700 per day on a Saturday. Absurd. The permits were only \$1,300. The rest of the cost is 6 Saturdays. City also says we cannot work past 3pm during the week, which is why we are doing it on a Saturday...? Did you have these restrictions?



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On Thu, Jul 7, 2016 at 11:35 AM, Suzanne Holley <[SHolley@downtownla.com](mailto:SHolley@downtownla.com)> wrote:

Hi Blair,

That's outrageous. We just trimmed almost 200 trees and were not assessed these fees. The contractor pulled the permits as part of their contract but the costs did not reflect the numbers you are talking about. I'm wondering what we did differently. Attached is a copy of our permit. Do you want to send over the paperwork you have on this so we can see how it differs?

Thanks.

Suzanne Holley  
SVP & Chief Operating Officer

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-----Original Message-----

From: Blair Besten [mailto:[blair@historiccore.bid](mailto:blair@historiccore.bid)]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 9:03 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas; Randall Tampa; Suzanne Holley  
Subject: Traffic Control Permits for Tree Trimming

Good evening!

Just wanted to let you know that the City is charging us \$13,000 in traffic control permits and fees for just over 120 trees. This is absurd. Any thoughts in appealing to City Hall regarding this? I'm all for following protocol but there shouldn't be punitive damages for doing the City's work for them.

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Blair Besten  
Sent from my iPhone